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REMARKS

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SOURCE

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200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were entrained at the Dallgow railroad station. The unit was equipped with wooden structures of about 2 x 3 meters, presumably for the construction of camouflage walls. The train, which included 13 converted boxcars, 11 flatcars and 6 SSy-type heavy-duty flatcars, left for Neustrelitz at about noon. 1

2. At about 8 p.m. on the same day, a shipment of 9 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 24 flatcars carrying 32 trucks, 10 x 82-mm AT guns and about 160 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets arrived at the Dallgow railroad station. Source believed that the train carried the troops which had been entrained for Altruppin on 4 March. 2

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3. On 8 and 9 March, the quarters of Unit Zurkin in the Loewen Kaserne (2063) were heavily occupied as previously. A sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia guarded the entrance on the two days of observation. On 9 March, a unit of 6 officers and 38 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia practiced with 4 x 82-mm mortars at the drill ground.

4. On 9 March, the quarters of Unit Medvedyev in the Loewen Kaserne (2063) were heavily occupied. Five JS-3 tanks were observed.

5. In the morning on 9 March, numerous troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were seen in the quartering area of Unit Yappa in the Adler Kaserne (2063). Source did not observe any weapons or vehicles. 25X1C

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7. In the morning on 9 March, the quarters of Unit Kovalyev in Olympisches Dorf (2067) were heavily occupied. About 80 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia went to the headquarters building. Source did not observe any vehicles in the quartering area.

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8. On 9 March, the quarters of Unit Berezin in the Flak Kaserne (2065) north of Highway No 109 appeared to be heavily occupied as previously. A sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia was seen at the barracks gate. At about 8:40 a.m., 5 M-3 armored personnel carriers, each mounting 1 heavy machine gun and occupied by 6 EM carrying light field pack, left the installation toward Highway No 103. After a short time, the vehicles were followed by 3 officers and 24 EM with 3 heavy machine guns and flags; and 4 officers and 16 EM with range finders. The troops wore artillery insignia.
9. On 10 March, Altes and Neues Lager (2061) were heavily occupied as previously. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Four 120-mm mortars, each with 10 soldiers, and a total of 5 officers were seen on the camp street. Except for 3 T-34/85 tanks, no vehicles were seen under the known lean-to roofs. Gun and vehicle sheds were closed, as far as could be observed. ³

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11. At about 8 a.m. on 1 March, a column of 12 trucks towing ZIS-3 x 76.2-mm field guns and 3 other trucks left Olympisches Dorf toward Rohrbeck. The trucks were occupied each by 10 to 12 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying small arms. ⁴
12. At about 5 p.m. on 4 March, T-34 tanks Nos 164, 166, 167 and 196 left the Flak Kaserne through the southern gate, proceeding to the training area south of Hamburger Chaussee. At about 3 p.m. on 6 March, a column of 2 jeeps, 8 armored two-axle trucks, mounting 1 gun and 2 heavy machine guns, 8 x 120-mm mortars towed by trucks, 15 x 85-mm AT guns towed by trucks, ² and about 50 trucks, each occupied by 12 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets was seen on Hamburger Chaussee. The column came from an easterly direction. Source had the impression that the troops returned from a major exercise. ²

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2. Comment. Repeatedly confirmed shipments to and from firing practices in the Nauglienick Forest of a unit of the 2d Light Arty Brig (US). See information on trains with shipment-record Nos 85124 and 85125. ^{25X1A}

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3. Comment. According to this information, the bulk of the 1st Mech Div, prior to 10 March, was apparently stationed in their quartering and training area at Doeberitz as previously.

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4. Comment. Olympisches Dorf appears to be occupied as previously.

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